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Dear Ms. Best,

I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request sent electronically and received by the FOIA Requester Service Center on May 30, 2019. You requested:

Documents mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defined as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between 1 January 2009 and 1 January 2019, including but not limited to:

- * Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism
- * Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists
- * Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism sent to or received from any federal law enforcement or intelligence agencies or any fusion center
- * Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups
- * Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or "dox" (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists.

As described in more detail below, the Copyright Office is unable to determine the scope of the request for some of the records you may be seeking, and does not maintain custody of the other records.

First, to process your request, the Copyright Office must have a request that reasonably describes the records, enabling the Copyright Office to identify the records requested in such a way that is not unreasonably burdensome or disruptive to Copyright Office operations. 37 C.F.R. § 203.5(b). In part, your request is for “internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism...[and] materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or ‘dox’ (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists.” This portion of the request, as written, is overly broad because it would require a search of records spanning a decade among the general Copyright Office staff of approximately 400 employees at any given time. Furthermore, it does not adequately describe the records sought. We therefore are unable to process this portion of your request at this time. If you wish to pursue this portion of your request, please provide a definition of “materials generated” along with additional information of potential custodians or divisions that might hold these records. You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison at copfoia@loc.gov for assistance in clarifying your request.

Second, the remaining records relate to information technology (IT) security, which is administered by the Library of Congress’ Office of the Chief Information Officer. The Copyright Office does not hold any responsive records; they are instead held by the Library of Congress. The Library is not subject to FOIA, but does have a procedure for responding to requests for records. If you would like to request those records, please contact the Library at Chief, Records Management Division, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-9440.

FOIA Administrative Procedures

File closed if no response in 90 days. The Copyright Office is sending you this letter because processing for your request is completed. For administrative reasons, the file for this FOIA request will be closed as of the date of this letter if you do not choose to respond or otherwise contact our office again about this request within thirty business days after that date. However, you are welcome to contact us again to renew your request.

If you do contact us again about this request, please reference Docket No. 31/2019 or provide a copy of at least the first page of this letter. You may write to us at the following address: U.S. Copyright Office, FOIA Requester Service Center, GC/PIE, P.O. Box 70400, Washington, D.C. 20024.

Right to appeal. In addition, should you believe that this response to your FOIA request constitutes an improper denial of a valid FOIA request, you may file a written appeal within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this letter. Write “APPEAL” on the envelope in a prominently visible manner and send it to this address: Office of the General Counsel, Copyright GC/PIE, P.O. Box 70400, Washington, D.C. 20024. Your letter should explain your arguments and any legal basis for your objection to a refusal to release the records you requested or other basis for disagreement. Also, please reference

Docket No. 31/2019 for this FOIA request or provide a copy of at least the first page of this letter.

Right to seek dispute resolution. You can also seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), within the National Archives and Records Administration. If you choose to do so, please refer to this page for more information: <https://ogis.archives.gov/mediation-program/request-assistance.htm>. Otherwise, you can email them at ogis@nara.gov or contact them by regular mail at the following address:

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine Zaller Rowland".

Catherine Zaller Rowland
Associate Register of Copyrights and
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U.S. Copyright Office